

It Happened This Way

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It could be that no other person in the valley has as strong a yearning to once again see the old Heber Power Plant as do I. I miss it. It was a landmark that preserved the pioneer period for the enjoyment of everyone today.

Maybe it was a danger to trespassers. Maybe the insurance costs or danger of suit to the owners was too much to handle. And maybe the owners thought it was too much of a eyesore to the territory.

Too bad, whatever the reason for its demise. It was a typical building of the late '80s and early 1900 period. The names of the Porters that presumably erected the building were emblazoned across the front with steel outlines, not just a touch of paint. It smacked of the same Porters that erected and ran a hardware business in the old ghost town of Ryolite, Nevada during the same time period. The initials of these Porters were exactly the same as the ones on the local building.

I will grant you that there are many older buildings around the area, but they are usually standing on a city block and do not have the aura of a lonesome building standing against the elements of nature and inhospitality.

It was the original power plant that supplied Heber Valley with electricity and put an end to the necessity of owning a kerosene lamp. But now it is gone forever. It could be rebuilt a 100 times over, but it would never be the same.

I'll remember the date. Not an important one in the annals of history, but darned important to that old building.

Sad to me is the fact that I never even got a picture of it, though several times I thought of taking along a camera, but never did.

Now all that remains is the back wall, and it certainly is not a pretty sight. What it was left for is beyond my comprehension, though it may have been too tough to tumble.

Flame

Flame
Tom Brown
&
William Young

Hemstead Heflow

Jake's Lunch

The Other End



4000
Doubtful Meadow
& Barn



William Clift Gordon Home

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Kenneth " "

Brown Keeling
New Home





Riversdale

Let
clear

Muffy Potter

pg 91 Killed Self-

Wright



Names of owners

